CHICAGO PITCHERS MUST BE HURDLED

Cub Boxmen Menace McGraw's Ambition to Win Seventh Pennant.

FIVE SUPERB FLINGERS

Alexander, Vaughn, Tyler, Hendrix and Douglas Make League Tremble.

By SHORTSTOP.

If John Joseph McGraw, manager of the Glants, is to realize the big ambition of his career next season and of his career next season and be the first manager to win seven major league championships he will have to do it over the bodies of the Cub pitching staff, unquestionably the most powerful corps of hurlers in baseball as the reconstruction days open. Grover Alexander, Jim Vaughn, George Tyler, Phil Douglas and Claude Hendrix are five obstacles in the path of McGraw that will take no end

of strategy to push out of the way.

No pitching staff of this strength has appeared in the National League since appeared in the National League since Mordecal Brown, Orvie Overall, Ed Reulbach and Jack Pflester pitched the Cubs into pennants, and it ranks well up with the great staff of Mack's former world's champion Athletics erected champion Athletics erected Chief Bender, Jack Coombs and without Alexander, who shares

h Walter Johnson the honor of being greatest pitcher in baseball to-day. Cubs last season won the Nationa Beague championship in a romp and their pitchers captured practically every honor at John Heydler's bestowal. nonor at John Heydler's bestowal.

Ranked according to earned run efficiency, Vaughn, Tyler and Douglas stood first, second and fourth, while Hendrix, the fourth man on the staff, led the pitchers of the league in percentage of games won and lost. Tyler was second and Vaughn third. and Vaughn third.

Vaughn in Vanguard.

Individually Vaughn took most every other honor, the greatest number of shutouts, greatest number of innings pitched, greatest number of low hit pitched, greatest number of low in games and greatest number of strike-outs. Tyler was close behind him in all departments. In the 1918 world's series Vaughn and Tyler pitched the entire six

games all but two innags, Douglas and Hendrix each figuring in only one frame. The great pair of southpaws held the The great pair of southpaws held the Boston team to a club batting average of 186, but the Red Sox got the breaks and wen four out of six games. Vaughn pitched magnificent ball, permitting only 8 runs and 17 hits in 27 innings, but lost two games by scores of 1 to 0 and 2 to 1, and had to bitch a shutout to

Jim's refusal to sign his contract, and the big fellow declares he never, never will sign for the money offered him. Bensible fans know that when the 1919 season opens "Tiny Jim" will be wear-

was not used until the season was a the season still is over two months off the work and then Mitchell had to work the big fellow carefully. Shuffling Phil had to undergo an operation just before the start of the training season, and it was some time before he was ready to pitch. When he did get started he broke in with a couple of shutouts and was a dangerous man for the remainder of the season.

The chances are the Cub infield of 1913 will be much stronger than it was last year when Deal played third and

years. Last season Claude made a great comeback and quickly filled the gap left vacant in the Cub staff when Alexander as drafted. His old spitball had its former hop to it, and Claude was as consistent a winner as Vaughn and Tyler. He won twenty games and lost

When Alexander, the greatest pitcher the National League, returns to the Cub staff it is hard to see how any club can prevent Chicago from repeating its 1918 successes. Alexander still is in Europe, but is expected back before the eason starts. John Heydler, president of the National League, recently re-ceived a letter from Al Orth, the former umpire, now a Y. M. C. A. secretary in Peance, to the effect that when Alexthe pitcher was on his way home. "Aleck" may not be back for the start of the training season, but it is a pretty good bot that he will be with when the season starts or this erhaps a few weeks afterward.

Alex May Benefit,

The probability is that Alexander's year in the army did the big fellow more good than harm. He just had gone through a period of three straight years in each of which he had won thirty in each of which he had won thirty the Federal League, in which Max was games or over, and a year's rest for the \$10,000 arm was the best thing that could happen to it. "Aleck" of course did some pitching in the army, but that kind of pitching does not call for the same amount of energy as is used up in the grind of a pennant sea
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The Cubs have great strength behind the bat and at short. Give a team five like Alexander, Vaughn, Tyler

Young Girls Who Have Gained Fame as Swimmers



ing his Chicago uniform.

The Cubs won their easy victory last season despite the fact that Douglas will be out for the 1919 season, but as the season still is over two months off

of the National League.
In many ways resembles the old Pittsburg marvel, especially in his stooping
shoulders and long arms, which give
him an abnormal reach. He also gives
evidence of possessing Wagner's ability
at bat, as he lashed out an aveage of
316 in his first year in the league.

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standal but none the less decided change
has taken place with regard to practically all the field sports of the country,
and as the days wear on the change
will be more marked in every direction.
In the majority of the field sports of the
British Isles it is reestablishment rather
than reconstruction which is wanted
and which is now being brought about.

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Armory of Brooklyn on March 8.

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and Ederle Are Real Infant Prodigies.

NOT YET IN 'TEENS BOAST VETERAN EIGHT

Many Mature Swimmers Are Incapable Of.

The most remarkable and interesting all branches of watermanship and are favorites. all branches of watermanship and are making their mark in open competition. It only is a few days ago that in a meet held in this city three budding champions from the New York Women's S. A.—Elieen Riggin, Helen Wainwright and Gertrude Ederle—all young sters of 12, swam forty yards within less than a second of each other in 25 2-5 seconds, winner's time, thereby attaining speed never before approached by tiny tots of their size and often unequalled even in races for women.

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JOHNSON STARTS TRAINING.

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COLUMBIA RICH IN ROWING MATERIAL

Misses Riggin, Wainwright Coaches Enthusiastic Over Blue and White Crew Prospects.

Lassies Perform Water Feats Five of Last Season's Varsity Men Strive to Retain Seats.

Not in years has Columbia been the eature of the present swimming sea- possessor of such a wealth of rowing on is the brilliant work displayed by material, is the opinion of acting crew little mermalds still shy of their teens, coach Fred Plaisted, as well as former tiny stars ranging in age from 10 to 13 | coach Jim Rice, who comes to this who have attained extraordinary skill in gym almost daily to watch this old

by tiny tots of their size and often unequalled even in races for women.

Nor is the ability of these diminutive prodigies confined to sprint swimming. All three are expert at the breast and back stroke. While Elleen specializes at distance swimming, a line of sport at which she has defeated many able, full grown rivals up to two miles. Helen devotes herself chiefly to high and fancy diving. She has returned scores in open contests which place her among the foremost fair divers in America quite irrespective of age.

call for candidates at dorningalde Heights.

The advantages Columbia will enjoy this season over those of other years reats primarily in the fact that the head-quarters will be at the Gould boat house. A lapse of twenty years has characterised this change. Instead of the crew men remaining three hours away from their studies every afternoon, when they used to go to the Edgewater quarters, the time will be lessened to one hour.

Everything will be in readiness for the crew men and coach as soon as the preliminary instructions are complete.

Wonderful "Kitty" Brown.

Another local water baby of exceptional skill is Katherine, ten-year-old daughter of Commodore Alfred Brown, the famous marathon swimmer. She does fifty yards with the crawl around 45 sections are complete. Last week completed the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Complete the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Complete the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely possible to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed. Last week completed the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Last week completed the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed. Last week completed the transferring of the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. Completely parameters are completed to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. The shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells, oars and necessary parameters are completed. The shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells. The shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells. The shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells. The shells are completed to the shells. The shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells are completed to the shells. The shells are completed to t

FIVE MACKMEN SIGN.

Watson and McAvoy Latest to Come in Fold.

PHILADBLPHIA, Feb. 15.—Another battery entered the Athletic fold when the signed contracts of Pitcher John Watson and Catcher James McAvoy wers deposited at Shibe Park via man-power delivery to-day. Five 1919 signed bits of parchment are now within the grasp of Mack. Larry Gardner came through with the initial signature of the new season, then Pitcher Scott Perry and Catcher Cy Perkins were quick to follow on the footsteps of the new captain.

While the Athletics' manager had

three cornered tilt is with Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Columbia.

SAILOR SEVEN HEADS EAST. SUDBURT, Feb. 15.—The hockey team of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, plays in Sudbury to-night. The team is on its way to Boston play off with the navy yard team of that city. Art. Staff, amateur speed skating champion of the United States.

JOE LYNCH.

JOE LYNCH LIKELY TO SURPRISE WILDE

American Bantam Earns Match With British Flyweight Champion.

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WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Rain prevented the Army-Williams hockey

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Meets British Champion DEMPSEY'S RECORD **EXCELS WILLARD'S**

Champion's Reputation Based on His Victory Over Jack Johnson.

QUESTION BOUT'S MERITS

Two Decisions in Favor of Second Raters Stand Against

By CROSS COUNTER.

If Jess Willard is installed a favorite over Jack Dempsey in their title bout en July 4 it will be due solely to the champion's physical bulk and to the belief held in certain quarters that the giant Kansan never has shown his real form and that he possesses latent powers never disclosed to the public.

It is difficult to picture a man towering six feet six inches tall, weighing 230 pounds, who has great arms extending three feet six inches from the shoulder and with trunk and legs in proportion, suffering defeat in a physical contest with a smaller man. Dempsey will weigh 190 pounds at the most when he steps into the ring, and his height is six feet. It seems incredible that Demosey can concede fifty pounds in weight, six inches in height and ten inches in reach to Willard and still have a chapce to defeat the champion.

True, Dempsey has conceded weight and height to Fulton and Morris, but at once there arises the claim that Ful-ton and Morris are not in the same class as Willard so far as boxing, strength and hitting are concerned. At the same time Fulton's record up

to the time he met Dempsey was better than that of Willard, and it is a well known fact that the champion had an aversion again to meet Morris in the

While the observers of things puglistio may be deeply impressed with the great size of the champion, there is but one way in which to reach an accurate estimate of his real ability as a ringster, and that is to dissect his ring career.

Reputation Based on One Bost.

Willard's ring reputation rests largely on his recorded victory over Jack Johnson at Havana in twenty-six rounds.

If that battle was on its merits it was a good performance on the part of the

rrom Wilde, as the flyweight limit is puglist is declared to have been a 113 pounds and Lynch cannot do that weight.

RAIN BARS HOCKEY GAME.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WEST POINT, N. Y. Feb. 15.—Rain Despatch the Army, Williams becker.

Because to have been a signal to the fighter that she had received all of the \$30,000. It is asserted that the promoters had a great deal of trouble in getting the money which had been promised to Johnson and that he declined to go through with the bargain until assured that his wife had

ciaring to he really was attract to he with all his force. Sullival the mone, Jeffries and Johnson never heel tated to hit with all possible force no fatalities marked their ring contests.

Con Riordan, sparring partner of First in stage work, died after strikins his head on the floor during a lively bout with the Cornishman, but this was an

The knockout records of the quar above named are far superior to that

Possibly Willard has carefully con-cealed his real ability from the cubic, but unless he has done so he stands for vealed as a slow, buckward clarate lacking aggression, and without a numb-of any special force. In addition, his age, which must be pearly to complet with his long idleness, all are against

Opposed to the champton will be a man aged 24, in the flower of viscous young manhood. Physically he is the ideal size for a boxer of the heavy ideal size for a boxer weight class, neither too large weight class, neither too large with too small to withstand the rubble too small to withstand the rubble class. With the aggressiveness giant with the aggressiveness clant. With the assertion of disturbed horners need ejected his a disturbed horners need ejected his a tissh of light, and hitting power of the force and accuracy of a tity hanner, he looms the most farmidable facility has been a fitte and Joffs. pugillam close the days of Pitz and Jeff-